

## Billy & Bob (same actor as Capybara) – Scene 9

*(BILLY sits in a plush chair across from COUNSELOR BOB, who is actually the same man we saw earlier in the photo shoot with MEG. It's not that he is played by the same actor (which he is), it is the same person.)*

BOB

So... Billy? Am I pronouncing that correctly?

BILLY

No.

BOB

It's not Billy?

BILLY

It's Bill-ai. Accent on the second syllable.

BOB

Okay, Bill-ai.

*(He makes a note of it.)*

Are you sure that's right?

BILLY

Yes.

BOB

Bill-ai?

BILLY

It's French.

BOB

Why are you here?

BILLY

Because Mr. Edmonds sent me here.

BOB

Yes, but why did he do that?

BILLY

Because he hates me.

BOB

He doesn't hate you.

You don't know that. BILLY

Yes I do. BOB

No you don't. BILLY

Did you go to graduate school for five years? BOB

Yes. BILLY

No you didn't. BOB

Why are you arguing with me? BILLY

Because you're not telling the truth. BOB

Why do you think I'm not telling the truth? BILLY

Because I know you didn't go to graduate school— BOB

Are you sure of that? BILLY  
*(BOB pounds his fist on the desk.)*

Billy! BOB

Bill-ai. BILLY *(correcting him)*

Bill-ai. Mr. Edmonds has reported that you have engaged in some disturbing behavior— BOB *(gathering his composure)*

I think Mr. Edmonds is disturbing. BILLY

BOB  
Okay, but—

BILLY  
Do you know that he eats fruit flies?

BOB  
But—

BILLY  
Maybe you should examine him.

BOB  
I'm not examining anyone—

BILLY  
That's because you're not very good at your job.

BOB  
I'm not going to engage in this—

BILLY  
Does it normally take five years of graduate school?

BOB  
Bill-ai. Please. Allow me to ask the questions.

BILLY  
Why?

BOB  
Now what is this about your mother?

BILLY  
What about my mother?

BOB  
She's in the hospital?

BILLY  
No.

BOB  
It says here she's in an institution.

BILLY

Then it lies.

BOB

Billy—Bill-ai. Do you see your mother often?

BILLY

Yes.

BOB

Do you want to tell me about her?

BILLY

If you have a computer I can give you my whole presentation.

BOB

I don't think that will be necessary. What is your mother like?

*(Pause.)*

Is she... coherent?

BILLY

I don't know what that means.

BOB

Yes you do. You're a very smart kid.

BILLY

Maybe you're just a very stupid adult.

BOB

We often lash out when we're feeling uncomfortable.

BILLY

Are you feeling uncomfortable?

BOB

What is your mother like?

BILLY

She loves me.

BOB

Does she tell you that?

*(Pause. BILLY seethes.)*

Does she tell you that she loves you? How do you know she loves you if she doesn't tell you?

Fuck you. BILLY

I'll pretend you didn't say that. BOB

Pretend all you want. BILLY

When did your father leave the family? BOB

I don't know. BILLY

You don't know? BOB

That's what I said. BILLY

Were you very young? BOB

No. BILLY

Then you remember it? BOB

*(Pause.)*  
Why don't you tell me about it? Did he ever hit you? Did he ever hit your mother?

Why don't you suck my dick? BILLY

Well, Bill-ai, I have here a recommendation form in front of me. Do you know what its purpose is? I'll tell you. I have a feeling you hate rhetorical questions. And what this form is for is whether or not I recommend that you're—

Did you always want to be a middle school counselor? BILLY

BOB *(continuing)*

Whether or not you should remain at this school or be remanded—do you understand what that word means? Remanded to another school more capable of dealing with your special needs.

BILLY

Did you ever have dreams of being important or something?

BOB (*continuing*)

And what I am going to do—

BILLY

It must suck to realize that you're like on the lowest rung of the ladder—

BOB (*continuing*)

I am going to recommend that you transfer to the Lark Center. And perhaps there you will learn respect and discipline, and in time, if you progress, you may return to a mainstream school.

(*Pause*)

Do you understand what I'm saying to you?

BILLY

Yeah.

BOB

Good.

(*a little buzzer rings.*)

Oh. I have an appointment.

(*He gets up.*)

It was nice talking with you Bill-ai.

(*BOB reaches in his desk and pulls out a pair of boxing gloves.*)

I've got to be going.

(*Lights down.*)